

Pictures of fields without fences...

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coincidence...

Next issue due out
eventually.

...onwards,downwards...



What started as an overwhelming sense of underachievement, some beer, and a common goal, has somehow survived 15 months of hostile terrain and poor growing conditions.

Hard to believe our collective randomness has been able to materialize 12 (well, 11.5) issues, an independent underground record label, a 9 band show with spoken word, and an unrelated free distro.

Ever onwards, ever downwards, as we continue along more and more avenues, providing vents for the unheard/unnoticed/unrecognized writer/artist/musician - punching holes in walls - with the belief that our evolution will surface through the victims of society, due to the constant pressure and urgency of adapting to consequences of a leeching and encroaching environment.

This is necessary, and it is necessity alone that drives us.

So, what's next for OD? Our first compilation cd is in it's second printing and will total over 700 discs, with work beginning shortly on the next. Pickled Whale Meat, our own record label and distro, in charge of releasing the cd, is branching outwards, with a mixtape in the works, while

providing a cheap alternative to manufacturing and distributing underground music.

More shows are slated for the future, featuring past and future compilation artists among others, and the idea is being tossed around of a D.I.Y. info space/underground store /venue being available for gigs, jam space, workshops, etc.

Also the new format of the zine itself - it had to be done, and we don't feel it needs any justification.

So in lieu of all this, we have adapted the new mind-frame of a "collective", a group of like-minds venturing forwards under all and any medium accessible, in an attempt to organize, understand, and alter this reality in which we live. A commonality amongst individuals, and an acceptance of a unique equality.

Therefore, in the manner of expanding and evolving - as well as recent updates in world politics - we loosely base this issue around Globalization.

And as always, any comments, suggestions, submissions, rants, or random combinations of consonants and vowels, are always welcome.

There's a lot of evidence growing around the existence of a global consciousness.

Based on this growing field, The Global Consciousness Project (GCP) was established, as an international effort involving researchers from several institutions and countries, and designed to explore whether the construct of interconnected consciousness has been scientifically validated through objective measurement. The project builds on excellent experiments conducted over the past 35 years at a number of laboratories, demonstrating that human consciousness interacts with random event generators (REGs), apparently "causing" them to produce non-random patterns. This is the scientific documentation of a mass consciousness ability, which has been demonstrated by measuring the levels of global consciousness during moments of widespread distress (ie. 9/11, Death of Princess Diana, etc.) using these REGs.

Outside of the laboratory, the affects of harnessing the potential of this global energy can be observed through the experiments conducted on Coast To Coast AM, a popular radio show, hosted by Art Bell, and George Noory:

In the summer in 1998, both Florida and Texas were suffering from extreme drought. One night Art got all of his radio listeners to collectively imagine rain in Florida, where forest and brush fires were raging out of control. The next day it rained in Florida. Art was astounded to think that his experiment may have worked. Just in case it was a coincidence, however, he decided to try the experiment again. A few nights later he had his listeners think collectively of rain for Texas. And sure enough, the next day it rained in Texas.

Coast to Coast listeners may have also helped to blunt the force of Hurricane Isabel. George had asked people to concentrate on lessening the impact of Isabel, and while many were without power, and heavy winds and rains battered the East Coast, the hurricane was downgraded to "tropical storm" status, without scientific explanation as to why.

Yet another example, was the request for the audience to visualize a resolution to the Washington "Sniper Crisis," such that the situation would be resolved quickly and no one else would be hurt. The two suspects were arrested in the early morning hours immediately following the broadcast, and no one was injured in the capture. There were nine or ten such experiments conducted with the radio audience - which numbers in the millions - all of which showed noticeable results.

It's things like this which help broaden the silver lining of this blackened cloud that looms heavy with war, and famine, and disease, and oppression. And if we can merely focus our collective energy on the positive aspects - without being naive to the problems - we just might be able to subtly change things for the better. What harm could it do to think positive?

Q: What is Globalization anyway?

Globalization is an all encompassing term for a diverse system of social, technological, economic, and political changes that lead to greater interdependence and interaction between people and companies in even the most isolated locations. the term itself can be used in both a positive and negative context. The positive definition of globalization would most often be used by corporations to describe economic and socially positive change. This view seeks to use economic prosperity as an engine to bring about social change.. The opposing side of this term is seen as an economically, socially, culturally and environmentally negative phenomenon. This negative term would most often be used by the world's poor, environmentalists, and those who are at the front lines of the ill effects of this "global gloom".

Q: What's the difference between free trade and fair trade?

Fair trade is the trade of international goods and services in the name of environmental, economic and social sustainability. It is a movement that seeks to reimburse farmers and workers in a fair and just fashion. Free trade seeks to do the opposite by eliminating accountability, and doing business without the 'inconvenience' of having to recognize government imposed tariffs and trade barriers.

Q: What is the WTO?

The World Trade Organization (WTO) was established in 1995. As an agency for global commerce its first order of business was to transform the GATT (General Agreement of Tariffs and Trades) into an enforceable global commerce code. The WTO was the corporate machine in the name of globalization. Corporate profits are allowed to dominate other values, economic decisions are made by the private sector while the social and environmental costs are borne by the public. The WTO is an undemocratic, untransparent, nonaccountable agency that has marginalized the majority of the world's people.

The Kardashev scale is a general method of classifying how technologically advanced a civilization is. First proposed in 1964 by the Russian astronomer Nikolai Kardashev. It has three categories, Type 1, 2, and 3, based on the amount of usable energy a civilization has at its disposal, and increasing logarithmically:

Type 1, is a planetary civilization. Anything planetary is completely within their control. They can control the weather, control DNA, integrate organics with mechanics, colonize neighbouring planets, etc. and they receive their energy from the center of the earth.

Type 2, is a civilization capable of harnessing the energy of a star, manipulating the fabric of space, and have achieved immortality, due to an absolute knowledge of life itself. Type 2 civilizations receive their energy from stars themselves.

and Type 3, which is capable of harnessing the energy of an entire galaxy, are god-like, put simply.

We, are Type Zero, our energy source is dead plants and organic matter...struggling to reach a point where we are able to harness the capacity of global energy, due to the current state of fossil fuels.

Michio Kaku, a theoretical physicist, states that the hardest leap for a civilization to make is from a Zero to a 1, and that we are quickly approaching that transitional point.

There is the potential of a Malthusian catastrophe, amongst the transition, if over-population occurs (which is suggested by some to be the reason for the transition) and agricultural and economic growth - supply and demand - cannot adapt properly. But the real problems lie within element 92 - uranium - because it is a matter of energy.

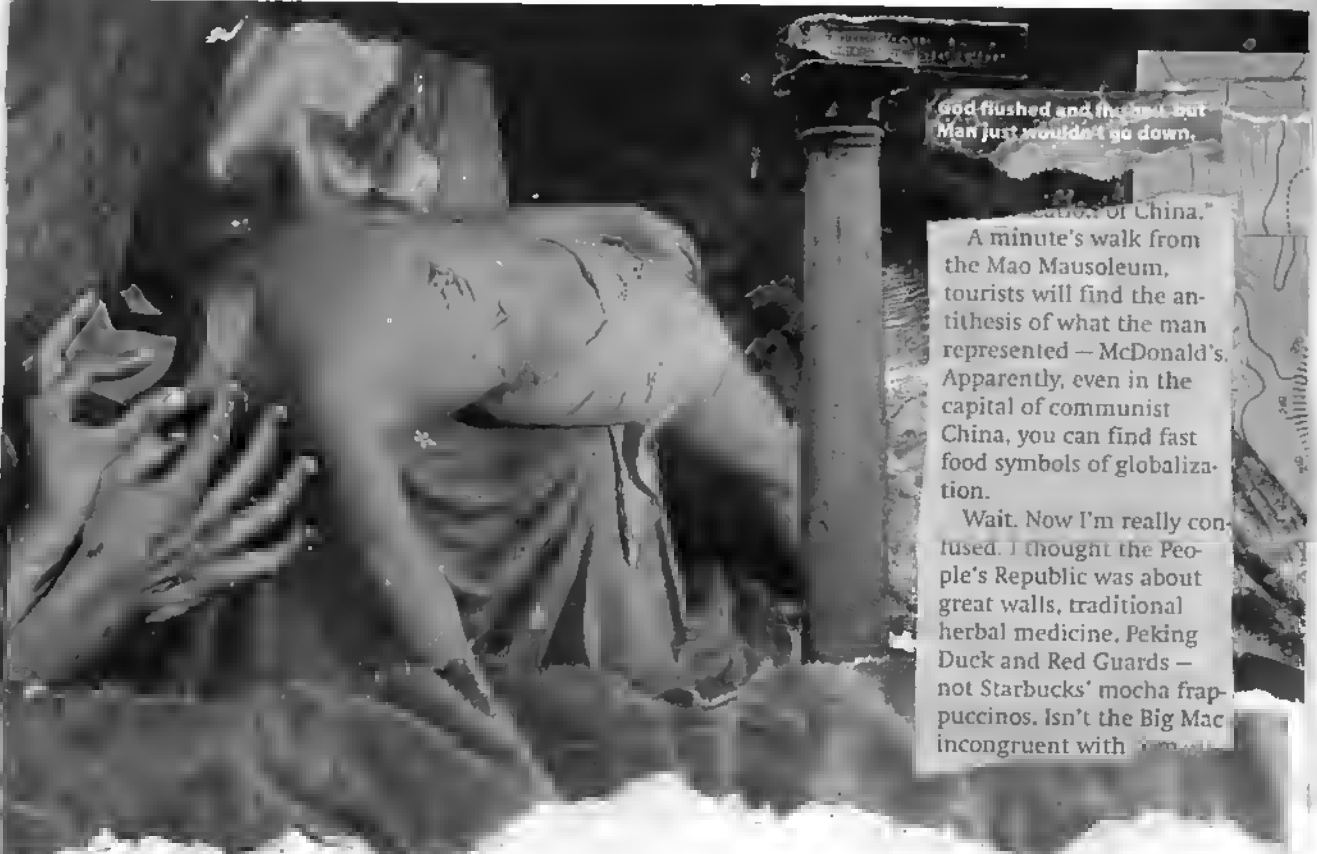
According to M.Kaku, whichever path - positive or negative - uranium research and usage follows more prominently, will be the among the main factors to our fate, along with other variables, that carry with them equal positives and negatives, depending on usage. (DNA, nanotechnology, etc.) A tool is simply a tool, until it is designated a purpose.

We must be able to harness rather than pollute, but this seems like an illogical goal with borders, and alliances, and foes. How can we possibly begin to harness global energy with lines carved across the globe? A successful transition would have to involve a successful globalization. A successful globalization, meaning a positive unity of humankind, for the purpose of survival, working together towards scientific advancement as a species, rather than total victory of one region globally, with constant limiting of the advancement of others. Needless to say, military budgets write a bleak future.

From our current state we are (possibly) within 200 years away from achieving Type 1 status, 2000 away from Type 2 and 100,000 away from Type 3 (according to M.Kakus interpretation of the scale),

"We're being tested, we're at that juncture... the generation of humans now alive is the most important generation of humans that have ever walked the earth. they are the only generation to have the power within it to harness element 92 - uranium - and (control) pollution. and this is the coming of age of any Type Zero civilization...but very few Type Zeros have actually made it to Type 1."

Michio Kaku



God flushed and the poet but
Man just wouldn't go down.

...of China."
A minute's walk from
the Mao Mausoleum,
tourists will find the an-
tithesis of what the man
represented — McDonald's.
Apparently, even in the
capital of communist
China, you can find fast
food symbols of globaliza-
tion.

Wait. Now I'm really con-
fused. I thought the Peo-
ple's Republic was about
great walls, traditional
herbal medicine, Peking
Duck and Red Guards —
not Starbucks' mocha frap-
puccinos. Isn't the Big Mac
incongruent with

"If the world that we are forced to accept is false and nothing is true, then everything is possible. On the way to discovering what we love, we will find everything we hate, everything that blocks our path to what we desire. The comfort will never be comfortable for those who seek what is not on the market. A systematic questioning of the idea of happiness. We'll cut the vocal chords of every empowered speaker. We'll yank the social symbols through the looking glass. We'll devalue society's currency. To confront the familiar. Society is a fraud so complete and venal that it demands to be destroyed beyond the power of memory to recall its existence. Where there's fire, we will carry gasoline. Interrupt the continuum of everyday experience and all the normal expectations that go with it. To live as if something actually depended on one's actions. To rupture the spell of the ideology of the commodified consumer society so that our oppressed desires of a more authentic nature can come forward. To demonstrate the contrast between what life presently is and what it could be. To immerse ourselves in the oblivion of actions and know we're making it happen. There will be an intensity never before known in everyday life to exchange love and hate, life and death, terror and redemption, repulsions and attractions. An affirmation of freedom so reckless and unqualified, that it amounts to a total denial of every kind of restraint and limitation."

From Waking Life

i'm drinking a growers gala apple/strawberry cider. i bought a six-pack of them with some money my room-mate devon lent me, and now we're drinking on the footbridge at the end of nanaimo st. in east van.

my cider was bright pink, and it tasted like juice. my pink pussy drink, i comment. no shame, says devon.

we watched the fireworks and talked. devon's my first new ~~friend~~ friend since i moved to vancouver. for a town with so many punx, anarchists, and other rabble-rousers, i've found it surprisingly hard to make anything more innumerable acquaintances. not that everyone in the scene has to be best friends or anything, but still...

"well, you and me are from a small town," devon says. he grew up in hammond, i'm from maple ridge (kinda), "it's a different mentality from a big city."

"that's true," i say, "but i still don't understand it."

"that's what i'm saying: we can't understand it."

"oh," maybe it was the cider, but i was confused.

"everyone i've met who lives here lived here for at

least three ~~four~~ years before they made any friends. they'd bitch and hate it, but they'd stay here and be fine after a few years."

"why would you spend three years ~~there~~ in a town where you've got no friends?"

LEAVING THE JUNGLE.

ONLY TO ENTER ANOTHER ONE.

"i don't know."

A LESSON IN THE BRIEF HISTORY OF TIME

The following is an exercise designed for teachers in an attempt to put time into perspective for students:

In September, start out by creating a calendar that represents the history of the earth. This calendar can be a chart or diagram which extends around the room. Illustrate events, starting with the beginning of the universe. Around early October, stars form. Little will change in this corner of the universe until early April, when the solar system appears. In late April, life appears on Earth. Towards the end of May, land animals exist. Dinosaurs will appear by mid-June but are extinct before the end of the month. By the afternoon of the last day of June, Man's ancestors walk upright. The age of science and technology will last only as long as the time it takes to ring the final school bell of the year.

AS of May 2006. Starbucks had 6,495
COMPANY OPERATED Outlets Worldwide.
5,028 in the U.S. and 1,188 in other
countries and U.S. territories.
* Starbucks also has 4,585 Joint Venture +
licensed outlets → 2633 of them in the U.S. *
and 1,952 in other countries. This brings
the total to 11,784 Worldwide.
A single cup of coffee can depend on as many
as 19 different countries, between the beans,
the milk, the sugar, and the paper cup.
+ The COFFEE GROWERS only get 2% per cup.

I was making lists.
Because lists are neat
and organized and line
up nicely.

Anyway, to be specific,
I was making a hot/not
list. Y'know, the kind
that you find in
fashionable magazines
which tell you what is
and isn't fashionable.
Except I was trying to
make hot/not lists of
things like

'Bloodsucking Soulless
Corporations'

I thought I was being
delightfully ironic and
amused myself to no
end.

Writing the actual list
of corporations seemed
to start off well, as I
quickly accumulated a
dozen hundred

companies for the Not
list. But I ran dry on
the Hot list after
Apple and Nintendo.

Hesitantly I added
Puma, but it still
wasn't enough to really
balance the sides.

I also made a hot/not
list of 'Terrorist
Organizations'.

This proved even
harder. Starting
confidently I quickly
added Greenpeace
under hot and Al
Quaeda under not.

Then, tentatively I
added The American
Military under not.

Then I ran out of
terrorist organizations.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN YOUR LIFE?

Are you so busy working working work-
ing, running running running, seeing
seeing seeing, that you've forgotten the
lovely art of just being, at home. And is
your home beginning to forget its role as
your nest. Things outside the home seem
to be getting more attention. Funny how
we've succeeded in putting a dog into
space, yet still struggle to find a way to
take care of muddy paws at home. Why
is that? Real life is actually something
that's happening right here, right now.

True quality of life isn't really about the
universe and its stars, but rather your
world called home. So let us together
create a home that helps you calm your
life down. It's time to start living in the
true world. At home.



Think 4 YOURSELF

IKEA

I work at a job where, most other places, automated systems perform my duties, and this is a plea to the customer. Please. Please accept into your lifestyle that Shit Happens. Life isn't perfect, no matter how hard you try to make it perfect, and sometimes things happen and it's nobody's fault. It just happens. By adhering to this simple rule, and taking time to consider it when something spontaneously doesn't go your way within an establishment you could possibly save a humans job.

Case in point. A customer at the car wash i work for came back complaining that we dented his car the last time he had come through. Nearly a week earlier.

He said that he noticed the dent, and remembered hearing a bang while we were washing his windows with the brush. He therefore assumed we must have been the ones responsible, despite the fact that there was nearly a week's worth of time in which the incident could have occurred, by anyone, anywhere.

"Well, what am i going to do? someone has to pay for it." Sorry about your luck buddy, Shit Happens.

But remember, shit happens to everyone. All the time. No one is immune to inconveniences and problems. So please, remember that you are a fellow human the next time you're blaming some trainee on an inconsistent tedium.

Because when they're all robots and machines, you will be the only one at fault, ever, because of the errors imposed on our fellow humans through the abuse.

No trial, no judge, no jury and no eager to please "customer's always right"er running to your side to reassure you you're perfect.

Dear Satan,
My brother says your just a
tool used to scare the weak + stupid
into being good. Like Santa.
Your faithful servant,
-Brian
P.S. I would like a pony.

there is intelligent life on other planets with technology greater than ours. This has tremendous ramifications in terms of society, technology, weaponry, religion, economics et al. Then, the 60-year cover-up suggests the existence of a shadow government that continues in power from administration to administration. Otherwise, how could the ongoing fraud be perpetrated so expertly? This, in turn, means that our democracy is an illusion, and that we really live in some sort of oligarchy. Then, it means that we have most certainly gained extraordinary knowledge about our place in the universe that has not been shared with the public and that could possibly revolutionize our life here on earth. Very possibly this knowledge could solve all our energy problems. And very possibly we now have the ability to travel to other star systems ourselves, which opens up vast vistas for the human race. These are all colossal developments that hinge on the reality of

n. Pa

the whole not knowing anyone or having huge ties with Vancouver has been making me wanna hit the road. me and my apollo road bike vs. whatever but that's gotta wait til next summer. in the meantime, i've been pretending to be a vagrant when i'm biking around town smoking alone wherever there's enough grass to sit on, scrounging in the garbage to grab a snack in front of businessmen, and of course, endless biking. the best part is just how completely self-sufficient and self-dependent the mind-set is. you do not need any outside entity, corporate or otherwise, for anything.

"what strain's this?" i ask as i take.

"gold rush," ~~he~~ answers.

it hits me and i nod approvingly and pass it back over to him.

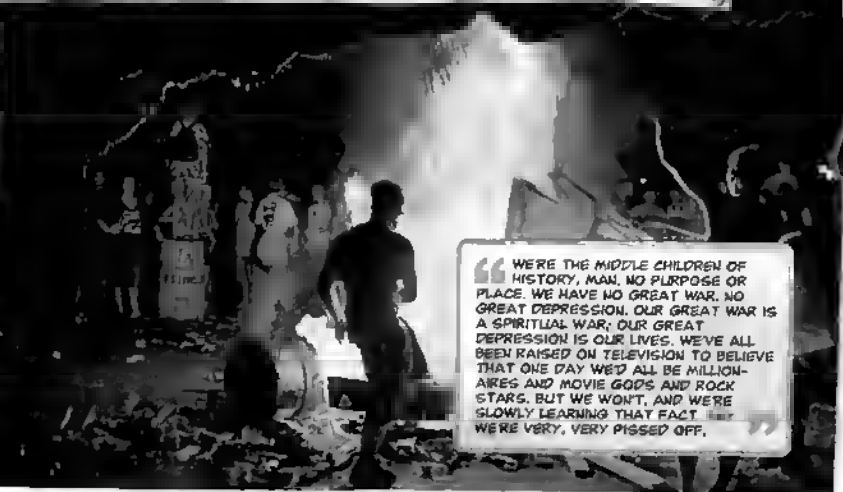
"so what's new?" ~~he~~ asks. take.

"not much man just... i don't know, i really wanna get outta here. travelling's been on my mind a lot. i wanna go on a biking/hitching/train-hopping trip." take.

"ha ha, a couple of old buddies of mine went across

canada like that. they hated it and gave up halfway through or ~~something~~ something." take.

"uh huh." roach.



"WE WERE THE MIDDLE CHILDREN OF HISTORY, MAN. NO PURPOSE OR PLACE. WE HAVE NO GREAT WAR, NO GREAT DEPRESSION, OUR GREAT WAR IS A SPIRITUAL WAR, OUR GREAT DEPRESSION IS OUR LIVES. WE'VE ALL BEEN RAISED ON TELEVISION TO BELIEVE THAT ONE DAY WE'D ALL BE MILLIONAIRES AND MOVIE GODS AND ROCK STARS. BUT WE WON'T, AND WE'RE SLOWLY LEARNING THAT FACT. WE'RE VERY, VERY PISSED OFF."


I'M WITH YOU

PAV UNTIL YOUR DEAD, THAT'S THE
PLAN. IF YOUR NOT CONTRIBUITING TO KEEP
SOMEONE YOU WILL NEVER KNOW, OR MEET, AT THE
TOP OF THE HEAP, THEN YOUR NOT DOING
YOUR JOB AS A HUMAN RESOURCE.
DONT BE AFRAID TO SAY NO. TO A
PROGRAM YOU DISAGREE WITH. OTHERS
YOU MAY NEVER KNOW OR MEET ARE
WITH YOU.



FOR THE FIRST TIME IN ITALIAN HISTORY, LEGAL CITIZENS LIVING ABROAD VOTED
IN THE ITALIAN ELECTION FOR 12 DEPUTIES AND 6 SENATORS WHO WILL REPRESENT
THEM IN THE ITALIAN PARLIAMENT, AN UNUSUAL SYSTEM THAT WAS SUPPORTED BY
SIRO BERLUSCONI AND PROMOTED BY TIEMAGLIA. THE CHANGE IS THE RESULT OF A
THIRTY-YEAR STRUGGLE TO RECOGNIZE THE RIGHTS AND SPECIAL INTERESTS OF
ITALIANS WHO HAVE MIGRATED ABROAD BUT RETAIN THEIR ITALIAN IDENTITY.
PARLIAMENTARY SEATS ARE ORGANIZED INTO FOUR CONSTITUENCIES (EURO
NORTH & CENTRAL AMERICA, LATIN AMERICA, AND AFRICA/ASIA/OCEANIA).
ELECTED CANDIDATES MUST LIVE IN THEIR RESPECTIVE CONSTITUENCIES.
FORTY-TWO PERCENT OF ELIGIBLE VOTERS ABROAD PARTICIPATED IN THE ELECTION.

Yeah, like I was saying, after not eating for three weeks - like - basically, to describe for the first week. Ummm, usually about the first few days are not that bad, when like - you just haven't had food - you just, it's when you're not thinking about anything else and not doing anything else you're like, 'Uggh, I could really use some food right now.', right? And usually what you'll do is you'll just naturally find something else to do and you'll just distract yourself. That's for about, up to day four. Day five it gets a little bit worse where it's just - it's more consistent - where you need the food, you need to feel it in your stomach, like, your stomach will start growling, and so yeah, every couple of hours." Uggh, I could use some food. Ugghh I could use some food."

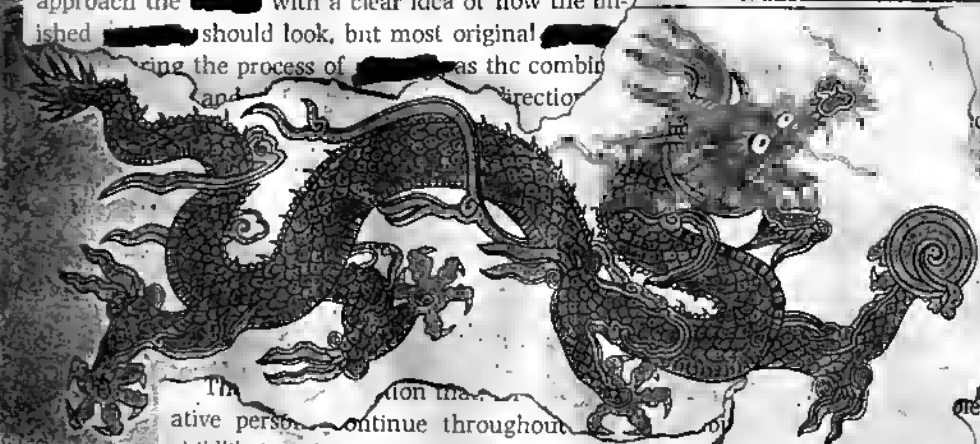


"Day six you get to a point where you physically need to distract yourself so that you don't feel the need for food, and it actually feels like the pain's gone away because you're just that distracted. And then day seven kicks in - you know - and every 20 minutes literally, if you're lucky, you'll be having a conversation with somebody and then all of a sudden it's like, 'Oh, my god, it feels like my stomach just collapsed.' And that actually, literally that's what your stomach does. Because it hasn't had food it keeps shrinking, and keeps shrinking, and eventually it will just fold up. Into nothing.

"So yeah, after the seventh day it's just gotten to a point where your body just starts taking nutrients from your muscle tissue, and starts stripping the fat and the muscle tissue off and that's usually how you get thinner, and thinner, and thinner, and you waste away. But, what's funny though, is that when it comes to the people that fast, and uh, it's shit being able to think for those first seven days, but then you're able to think better and clearer after that seventh day. . . ."

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tive [redacted]. [redacted]
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changes that occur as the [redacted] ostensibly is just
translating the insight into a concrete [redacted]
Therefore, it is essential to keep one's attention focused
and to have an open mind in order to take advantage
of unforeseen possibilities. For example, a [redacted] may
approach the [redacted] with a clear idea of how the fin-
ished [redacted] should look, but most original [redacted]
[redacted] the process of [redacted] as the combin
and [redacted] direction



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childlike curiosity and interest in their domains.
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imperial dragon, clutching the Pearl of Wisdom.

DRAGON
The dragon is pr
mythical creatures. It is most often described as a
living reptile, a ferocious and untamed (but

manic depression, substance abuse, and suicide, are
more frequent among individuals involved in [redacted]
and [redacted] pursuits ([redacted]). [redacted]
[redacted] school, the five [redacted] to do with [redacted]
reserved solely for the [redacted]
myth and legend, the dragon and serpent are
synonymous -- for example in [redacted] and also
[redacted] where large snakes were called *drakonates*,
[redacted] sharp-sightedness (from *derkomai*, "to
perceive keenly"). The association with vigilance is
in many tales of dragons as guardians of
treasure or oracles. In [redacted], dragons guard-
ed golden apples of the [redacted] and the
[redacted]. The hero [redacted] killed a dragon
in the spring of [redacted] god of war, and [redacted]
the serpent [redacted] that guarded the oracle
[redacted]. The [redacted] hero [redacted] and the [redacted]
[redacted] slew treasure-guarding dragons.

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if the dragon into a generaliz and
[redacted] serial evil. The [redacted]
[redacted] dragon directly with [redacted]. "And th
[redacted] as cast out, that old serpent, called
[redacted] goes on to link it with the sin of
[redacted] dragons vanquished by saint
Perseus, who [redacted] changed [redacted] symboliz
da. Elsewhere, water [redacted] or unbelief. [redacted]
negative in connotation. [redacted] theme in 15th-cen
[redacted] myths tell of great [redacted] [redacted]
ons that live underwater and cause drown sensitive

As an image of power, the dragon was a [redacted] pear to be extremely
emblem of warriors, appearing on [redacted] including aversive on
[redacted] standards, on the carved prows of [redacted]
ships, on [redacted] banners. In the [redacted]
world it was [redacted] thousands of separate domains such as [redacted]
[redacted] [redacted] [redacted] or [redacted]
[redacted]. Each of these is composed of a set of [redacted] re-
lated by [redacted]. Most human activity involves following
the [redacted] of some [redacted] or another. [redacted] are re-
latively stable, and are passed down from one generation
to the next through learning. However, individuals are
always trying out new ways to [redacted] new [redacted] to [redacted]

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MAKE AS MANY [redacted]
AS YOU CONSIDER [redacted]



PLEASE DETACH

DÉTACHEZ
S'IL VOUS PLAÎT

There is a theory which states,
that if ever anyone discovers exactly
what the Universe is
for, and why it
is here, it will
instantly disappear
and be replaced
by some thing
even more
Bizarre
and
Inexplicable.

There is another
theory which
states that
this has already
happened.

The Hitchhikers Guide
to the Galaxy.

On November 30, 1999, the World Trade Organization convened in Seattle, Washington, USA, for the WTO Ministerial Conference of 1999 that was to be the launch of a new millennial round of trade negotiations. The negotiations were quickly overshadowed by massive and controversial street protests outside the hotels and convention center, in what became the coming-out of the anti-globalization movement in the United States. The scale of the demonstrations (even the lowest estimates put the crowd at over 40,000) dwarfed any previous demonstration in the United States against a world meeting of any of the organizations generally associated with economic globalization (such as the WTO, the IMF, or the World Bank). The events are sometimes referred to as the "Battle of Seattle."



Once upon a time there was a rock. Animals hid behind it. The years went by and the rock eroded away into sand and particles. The animals died. All things come to an end some time or another. The end can be prolonged, but once everything around you is done, there's nothing left to prolong with. At that point there will be nothing. There is no new beginning which somehow emerges from nothingness. Everything ends.

are everywhere. ^{OR,} Geuss

